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1. BRADY OF USA DIVISION, DEPT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, PROVIDED
EMBOFF WITH FOLLOWING TEXT OF CANADIAN DRAFT LETTER TO IJC RE
POPLAR RIVER: QUOTE: DEAR MR. CHANCE, THE GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA APPRECIATE THE INITIATIVE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION IN ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS WHICH
EXIST REGARDING THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS ON WATER USES IN THE UNITED
STATES OF THE SASKATCHEWAN POWER CORPORATION'S MINING AND POWER
GENERATION PROJECT ON THE EAST POPLAR RIVER NEAR CORONACH,
SASKATCHEWAN. IN PARTICULAR, THE GOVERNMENTS APPRECIATE THE FACT
THAT THE COMMISSION HAS INSTRUCTED ITS INTERNATIONAL SOURIS-RED
RIVERS ENGINEERING BOARD TO CONDUCT AN APPORTIONMENT STUDY OF THE
POPLAR RIVER BASIN. (EMBASSY COMMENT: GOC DELIBERATELY
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DELETING REFERENCE TO EQUITABLE APPORTIONMENT HERE.

THIS DEVIATION FROM US TEXT IS MOST IMPORTANT PART OF
CANADIAN DRAFT. END EMBASSY COMMENT).

2. "IN THIS REGARD, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WISH TO ENCOURAGE
THE COMMISSION, PURSUANT TO THE REFERENCE OF JANUARY 12, 1948,
AND IN PARTICULAR, NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 THEREOF, TO
COMPLETE THIS STUDY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE TO IDENTIFY
EXISTING AND REASONABLY FORESEEABLE USES OF THE WATERS OF
THE POPLAR SYSTEM AND TO RECOMMEND MEASURES WHICH WILL SECURE
THE INTERESTS OF BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. AS THE
COMMISSION NO DOUBT APPRECIATES, PRODUCTION OF A REPORT BY
EARLY 1976 WOULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
IN ENSURING THAT INTERESTS ON THE UNITED STATES SECTION OF THE
EAST POPLAR ARE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED, IN LIGHT OF SASKATCHEWAN'S
PLAN TO HAVE THE DAM CLOSED IN TIME FOR THE SPRING 1976 RUN-OFF.
(EMBASSY COMMENT: GOC INCLUDED LAST PHRASE TO GIVE SENSE OF
URGENCY TO IJC. END EMBASSY COMMENT).

3. "THE GOVERNMENTS HAVE HELD TWO MEETINGS INVOLVING FEDERAL,
STATE AND PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS WHICH HAVE FOCUSED PRINCIPALLY
ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROJECT'S POSSIBLE
EFFECTS ON AIR QUALITY. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN
ACHIEVED AT THESE DISCUSSIONS. AND AGREED SUMMARY OF THE
AUGUST 26 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HELENA, MONTANA HAS BEEN MADE
AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION. A MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS IS
SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 6 IN OTTAWA TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE AIR
QUALITY ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. GOVERNMENTS WILL KEEP THE
COMMISSION INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. FOR THEIR PART, THE GOVERN-
MENTS UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMISSION'S INTERNATIONAL AIR
POLLUTION ADVISORY BOARD HAS REPORTED TO THE COMMISSION ON THE
POPLAR RIVER PROJECT'S POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON AIR QUALITY. THIS
REPORT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GOVERNMENTS IN THE COURSE OF FUTURE
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. (EMBASSY COMMENT: GOC APPARENTLY
MADE COPY OF AGREED SUMMARY OF AUGUST 26 MEETING AVAILABLE TO
COMMISSION. ALSO GOC PREFERES NOT TO REFER DIRECTLY TO AIR
POLLUTION ADVISORY BOARD REPORT SINCE IT HAS NOT OFFICIALLY
SEEN IT. END EMBASSY COMMENT.)

4. "AT THE COMMISSION'S MEETING LAST APRIL, THE COMMISSION AND
SPOKESMEN FOR GOVERNMENTS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE FURTHER IN-
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INVOLVEMENT BY THE COMMISSION IN THE AIR AND WATER QUALITY ASPECTS
OF THE POWER CORPORATION'S PROJECT. IN LIGHT OF BILATERAL
DISCUSSIONS TO DATE, THE GOVERNMENTS WISH TO RESERVE FOR THE
PRESENT THE QUESTION OF A NEW REFERENCE TO THE COMMISSION ON
THESE MATTERS. (EMBASSY COMMENT: GOC PREFERES WORD "SPOKESMEN"
RATHER THAN "COUNSEL". END EMBASSY COMMENT.)

5. "A SIMILAR LETTER IS BEING SENT TO THE UNITED STATES

SECTION OF THE COMMISSION BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
STATE. YOURS SINCERELY, ALLAN J. MACEACHEN. END QUOTE.
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